

A FRIGHTFUL FIRE

Involving Loss of Three Lives
at Hot Springs, Ark.

A LITTLE GIRL'S SAD FATE

After Having Been Once Rescued From the Flames

Two Victims Pass From An Intoxicating Sleep to Death by Suffocation—Oven Baked to Bake Bread Bakes Human Bodies.

Hot Springs, Ark., Nov. 8.—A fire with frightful results occurred here this morning. Frank Kauffman, Charlie Johnson and Clara Erhart were burned to death. The fire occurred in the Erhart bakery on Central avenue. The Erhart family occupied the third floor as a residence. Frank Kauffman and Charlie Johnson slept on the second floor. The fire started in a room in which the ovens were located in the cellar of the building and spread rapidly to the second and third floors where the sleeping occupants were almost suffocated with smoke before they made an effort to save themselves.

Mr. Erhart's 11-year-old daughter, Clara, after being rescued, ran back into the building for her mother and was burned to death. The bodies of Kauffman and Johnson were found in their beds this morning frightfully burned. They were intoxicated when they retired and they suffocated before being aroused.

THE DREYFUS TRAGEDY.

The Banker and His Wife Driven to Suicide by Losses.

Paris, Nov. 8.—Regarding the tragic death of Dreyfus, the great banker, and his wife, it is believed the suicides were committed because of recent losses by Dreyfus on the bourse. Madame Dreyfus last week made several purchases of furs and clothing for the children and was getting ready to visit her sister in London. This seems to show that she had had no inkling of her husband's intentions at that time and led friends of the family to believe that it was under his overmastering influence that she agreed to share his fate.

ON HER FUNERAL PYRE.

An Aged Squaw Burns Herself in the Presence of Her Children.

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 8.—A courier just arrived from the Kiowa and Comanche Indian reservation brings news of the horrifying destruction of Mamookawam, an aged squaw, who, following out the traditions of her tribe, dressed herself in her richest apparel and, throwing herself across the fire in the center of her tepee, slowly burned in two.

This is said to be the way that Comanche Indians who believe they have outlived their usefulness have from the remotest times sought release from life's cares. The aged squaw gathered together her children and grandchildren and told them that she had decided upon death by fire and they assisted her in the preparations. She blessed them all, then placing fresh faggots on the fire, threw herself upon it and without a moan allowed the flames to consume her.

DEATHS IN BATH.

Four Persons Pass Away Within Twenty-Four Hours.

Bath, Nov. 8.—Edwin L. Church, senior member of the dry goods firm of Church & Alden, died of typhoid fever at his residence this morning. He had been sick for about six weeks. He was about 54 years old. A wife and three children survive him.

Daniel Webster Rayson, cigar manufacturer, died of consumption at 530 this morning at his home, aged 37 years. He was elected town collector last spring, was a member of Cohocton Lodge and Bath Encampment, I. O. O. F., and a member of K. O. T. M., No. 71. He is survived by a wife and three children.

Chester A., the 18-months son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Sherman, died of membranous croup last evening.

Mrs. Jerusha Merrills, aged 65 years, died yesterday afternoon.

SUICIDE OF A PRIEST.

The Rev. Father Stack Kills Himself With Gas.

New York, Nov. 8.—At 12:15 o'clock yesterday morning a man dressed as a priest applied to Night Clerk Stephens for a room in the Central hotel, a Raines law concern at 201 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street. The man's attire was shabby, his face was covered with a stubby beard, and he appeared very nervous. When assigned to room 21, on the fourth floor, he left word to be called at 10 o'clock. Gas was escaping from the room when the negro porter went to call him at that hour, so the door was forced. The occupant of the room,

which was full of gas that escaped from an open burner, was found dead on the floor.

In his pockets were a number of letters addressed to the Rev. Father W. Thomas Stack. Some of the letters were postmarked Ohio. The letters were principally from clergymen and contained words of encouragement to the recipient to persevere and lead a sober life.

COAST LINE SIGNALS.

Scheme to Enable Naval Vessels to Send and Receive Messages.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The special board appointed to consider the coast line signal system by which ships of the navy can keep in communication with the Atlantic seaboard when within reasonable distance, has drawn up a long and detailed plan, which will receive the approval of Secretary Long. Under the scheme outlined this entire coast line from Maine to the gulf will have special stations through which, at any time of day or night, vessels of the navy within signal distance can send and receive messages. The life saving stations will be provided with suitable signal equipment, semaphore erected for use in day time and the Very night signal colors for use at night. Through the semaphore it will be practicable to signal ships six miles at sea, and with the Very lights the vessels may easily communicate with the shore a dozen or fifteen miles away. Pigeon coes will be established at many of the life saving stations, through which communications may be had by ships when fifty miles or less at sea, with the shore. The carrier pigeon system will be greatly enlarged and will thus form an important part of the coast guard signal service. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt expects to have the plan in working order in a few months.

HUSBAND'S AWFUL ACT.

Shot and Killed His Wife and Daughter.

Gloucester, Mass., Nov. 8.—Edward Hampton, an employee of the Worcester National bank, shot and killed his wife and daughter this morning and then shot himself.

Hampton also fatally shot his other child. His own wound did not cause his death and he and the child were removed to the city hospital.

Hampton had been in ill health for a few months past and had practically lived on opiates for a number of weeks. He is supposed to have become suddenly insane.

SUFFOCATED BY GAS.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 8.—Miss Elizabeth Friese, a well known young woman, connected with leading German families of Duluth, was asphyxiated last night at the residence of A. Fittger, where she was visiting for a few days. When her room was entered this morning it was found that the gas jet was partially open. Her body was still warm, but resuscitation was impossible.

A CLERK'S INVENTION.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Postmaster Gordon's offer of promotion to postoffice employees who bring about improvements in the service has borne fruit in the invention by a young clerk of a device which saves much time and expense in opening packages in a postoffice. Clerks have had to be supplied with special knives for cutting the twine and one man has been kept busy keeping the knives in order. John J. Grimes, a clerk, who receives but \$400 a year salary, has invented an opening machine, which permits of instant cutting of the twine without injuring the papers and envelopes.

YELLOW FEVER SITUATION.

New Orleans, Nov. 8.—The yellow fever situation continues favorable. There has been no marked change since yesterday and yellow jack has lost his terrors for the people, who are greatly elated over the gratifying turn of affairs. Fifteen new cases and five deaths were reported today.

K. OF L. IN SESSION.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 8.—The members of the general assembly of Knights of Labor will begin their twenty-first annual session in this city tomorrow. This will be the most important gathering of laboring men ever held in Louisville. All the sessions will be secret.

SHOT AT IN A SALOON.

Marquette, Wis., Nov. 8.—Peter Graef, a hotel proprietor, shot and instantly killed Louis Klaus at Crivitz today. Klaus is a bartender, and had been drinking heavily for some time. He was in Graef's saloon trying to run the place. The latter finally threatened to put him out and Klaus struck at him. He pulled his revolver and shot, the bullet entering Klaus' left breast and resulting in instant death. The dead man is known in Marquette, Green Bay, Iron Mountain and other places.

HAS EARNED A REST.



Uncle Sam Escorts the Eagle to His Coop Where He will Remain Until Next Year.

MACHINERY DERANGED.

Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse Had to Be Run at Reduced Speed.

Southampton, Nov. 8.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Captain Engelbert, from New York for Bremen, via this port, passed Hurst Castle at 9 o'clock this morning. When about 600 miles from New York the upper exhaust passage of the high pressure cylinder of the port engine was fractured, necessitating running the steamer under reduced speed for the remainder of the trip.

EXPLOSION OF BENZINE.

Thirteen Firemen in Philadelphia Seriously Injured.

Philadelphia, Nov. 8.—During the progress of a fire at Boron's dyeing and scouring establishment today a large can of benzine exploded. Thirteen firemen were so seriously burned that they had to be taken to a hospital. It is feared that some of them may lose their eyesight. The loss by fire was slight.

FOUND IN A STATE PRISON.

Malden, Mass., Officers Locate a Much Wanted Criminal.

Malden, Mass., Nov. 8.—Inspector Greenleaf of the Malden police force has found in this New Hampshire state prison a man for whom he has been looking for several months, and who is also wanted in Worcester. The man's name is Harry P. Bowker. Warrants are held against Bowker for horse stealing, and the police for over a year have tried to locate him, without, however, getting a single clue. It was supposed that he had fled from the New England states until Mr. Greenleaf returned today from Concord and stated that Bowker was in the New Hampshire state prison under the name of Harrison Bartlett, serving a year's time.

KANSAS CITY STOCK MARKET.

Kansas City, Nov. 8.—Cattle receipts, 5,000; best grades, steady; others, weak; Texas steers, \$3.25@4.25; native steers, \$3@4.55; native cows and heifers, \$1@4; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.30; bulls, \$2.35@3.25; sheep receipts, 2,000; market firm; lambs, \$3.50@5.60; muttons, \$2.50@4.60.

WALCOTT'S RETURN.

New York, Nov. 8.—Senator E. O. Walcott left this city this afternoon to see President McKinley and Secretary Gage and to report to them the result of his mission abroad. The senator spent several hours today with his bankers in discussing the money situation.

SALE OF BONDS CONFIRMED.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 8.—Judge Sanborn in United States court today confirmed the sale of the first mortgage bonds on the Union Pacific which were sold last Tuesday at Omaha.

A CHICAGO FIRE.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—A five-story building at Harrison street and Wabash avenue, occupied by the D. O. Rohne Carriage company, was completely destroyed by fire. Loss, \$25,000.

WHEAT.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—December wheat closed at 92½; May at 90½@90¾.

ANNEXATION SUPPRESSED

An Intimation to a Cuban Club to Suspend Business

Blanco's Reception Said to Have Been a Decidedly Chilly Affair. The New Captain General Not in Vigorous Health.

Havana, via Key West, Fla., Nov. 8.—The annexationists have received through the columns of a newspaper of this city a hint that it will be well to abandon their meetings. The article in question conveyed an intimation that the club was to be proceeded against as a gambling institution under which pretext it would be possible to cause its members a great deal of trouble without going to the length of accusing them of conspiracy. Their meetings have therefore been discontinued.

General Blanco's formal reception at the palace a week ago was a very chilly affair. Outside of officials and representatives of commercial bodies who attended, there were only about thirty persons present. General Blanco is said to be in poor health, to be constantly in need of medical attention and therefore not likely to be able to endure the hardships of an energetic campaign against the insurgents.

WEYLER'S FINAL DEPARTURE.

Havana, Nov. 8.—An official dispatch received here from Porto Rico announces that the Spanish steamer Montserrat, with Captain-General Weyler on board, which left Havana on Sunday last for Spain via Porto Rico and which put into Gibara owing to a mishap to her machinery, left Porto Rico yesterday afternoon.

A WEYLER MOVEMENT.

Madrid, Nov. 8.—Lieutenant-General Weyler's political backers, supported by his influential following in the army, are fomenting an agitation in his behalf against the government policy and are preparing to give him a reception on his arrival, which will, if they can bring it about, neutralize the critical attitude of the Sagasta cabinet.

MAN AND WIFE IMPRISONED.

Stillwater, Minn., Nov. 8.—Not for a long time until now have man and wife been received at the prison to do time for a crime committed together. Franz and Minnie Seigel came here from Todd county to serve three years and one year respectively for manslaughter in the second degree. The story of their crime as told by one of the officers was that they had shamefully abused, ill-treated and neglected their 10-year-old daughter, Martha, who died in August. They had failed to provide her with clothing, food, shelter, and also neglected her when she became ill from exposure and the treatment she had been accustomed to. While herding cattle in the woods she was forced to sleep on the ground, and it is said the exposure caused her illness and subsequent death. Mrs. Seigel sobbed violently when she was taken into the receiving room at the prison.

A REMARKABLE FEAT.

The Lord's Prayer Engraved on the Head of a Pin.

Boston, Nov. 8.—Unless a person saw with his own eyes through a powerful magnifying glass the words of the Lord's prayer engraved on the

head of an ordinary pin, he might be inclined to regard with skepticism any statement that the thing could be done. Yet, it has been accomplished by a Boston engraver, Joseph D. Young.

Two weeks ago he began to engrave the words of the prayer on a pin head and found it easy work. The lettering starts on the edge rim of the pin head and circles around in a spiral until it finishes in the center. Every word is distinct. With the naked eye the characters are merely scratches.

UINTAH INDIAN TROUBLE.

Official Report of the Game Warden's Encounter.

Denver, Nov. 8.—Game Commissioner Swan today submitted to the governor his report on the encounter between Game Warden Wilcox and posse and the camp of Uintah Indians in Routt county on October 24 last. While Mr. Swan deprecates the taking of human life, he believes that it was necessitated by the exigencies of the situation.

He states that in his opinion Game Warden Wilcox's story of the fight was correct and the killing was unavoidable. However, he recommends that in justice to all concerned there should be the fullest investigation by a commission appointed for that purpose.

WHAT FORAKER WOULD DO.

He Only Thinks Hanna Will Be Elected Senator.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 8.—Senator Foraker leaves for Washington tonight. In an interview he said: "The campaign of 1897 ended with me last Tuesday. So long as we were fighting the common enemy I gave all my time and strength to the cause. I supposed a republican legislature meant the election of Senator Hanna and notwithstanding what I see in the newspapers I still think so. But if there should be a contest among republicans I would have nothing to do with it unless something unforeseen occurs."

WROTE HER LAST PRAYER.

Dramatic Death of a Salvation Army Captain in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Capt. Paluine Scheerli, a slim officer of the Salvation Army, died under most dramatic circumstances early this morning at Dr. Dowie's clinic.

For two hours before her death she was unable to speak aloud. She motioned for paper and pencil, and when they were brought to her she began writing her last prayer. She wrote:

"I hope souls may be saved through my death." Then the pencil fell from her fingers and she lay back on her pillow and died. Miss Scheerli was a victim of lung trouble.

PINGREE BACKS DOWN.

The Governor Agrees to Accept the Yantic and Make Repairs.

Washington, Nov. 8.—In addition to a long distance telephone message received last night the navy department had a telegram from Gov. Pingree of Michigan today renegeing from his position of yesterday and agreeing to accept the old war ship Yantic now at Montreal in behalf of the Detroit naval militia.

He also agreed that the state should pay for repairing the damages caused to the Yantic by her collision with the steamer Canadienne. A report from Commander Moore of the Yantic about the collision was also received today. He says the Canadienne failed to obey signals.

GRANNY WORTON DYING.

She is 108 Years Old and Has Always Lived in a Tent.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Granny Worton, 108 years of age and a sister-in-law of Mary Worton, the gypsy queen, who died in the camp here recently, is on her death bed.

"Granny" has four sons and a daughter, who is soon to be installed as queen.

The aged woman was born in Egypt in 1789. She has been in America for nearly sixty years and has always lived in a tent.

RAISING THE MORTGAGE CROP.

Princeton, Minn., Nov. 8.—The crop is moving nicely, and the effect of the high prices received is plainly visible. Farmers have raised \$15,000 worth of mortgages, and one firm alone reports the collection of \$8,000 on notes given by farmers during the hard times. Purchasers of land on contract are making advance payments in order to get deeds of their holdings sooner than was planned.

WHEAT FOR EUROPE.

Philadelphia, Nov. 8.—There are twenty-seven steamships now in port or under charter to load grain for European ports. These steamers will carry an aggregate of 6,100,000 bushels of corn and wheat.

HOPE ALMOST GONE

The United States Supreme Court Against Durrant

NO HABEAS CORPUS ISSUES

The Circuit Court of California is Sustained

There is Only One Other, a Very Narrow Avenue of Escape—The Murderer's Mother Downcast But Not Despairing.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The decision of the circuit court of California denying a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Theodore Durrant, under sentence of death for the murder of Blanche Lament in April, 1895, was affirmed in the supreme court of the United States today. This does not necessarily close every avenue of escape, as there are other questions in connection with the case on which the condemned may ask for an appeal. (The order of the supreme court of California, to which the case was first appealed, is one.)

THE DEFENSE IS SILENT.

No Expression by Durrant's Attorneys as to Future Movements.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—When the news of the United States supreme court decision was received here, Eugene Deuprey, Durrant's attorney, declined to say what further action, if any, would be taken. District Attorney Barnes said, regarding the possibility of an appeal from the order of the supreme court of the state, that such an appeal could be taken, but there was nothing else left for the defense to do. (He did not believe that the defense would resort to the appeal, since an adverse decision was inevitable.)

The news that the supreme court had decided not to interfere with the execution of Durrant spread quickly over this city today and crowds of interested people read the announcement eagerly from the newspaper bulletin boards. The decision of the supreme court was not unexpected here. District Attorney Barnes was much pleased with the decision. He is convinced that Durrant committed the murders and chafed at the delay in carrying out the sentence. Mr. Barnes said that Durrant would not have to be resentence. All that was necessary would be for the district attorney when he received official notice of the decision, to go into court and ask for an order to proceed with the execution and that a day be fixed for it.

The decision of the supreme court paves the way for the execution of five other murderers who have been sentenced to death, but whose executions have been deferred pending the decision of the Durrant case. Among these are Train Wrecker Worden, Harvey Allender of San Jose, and Ebanks of San Diego, who butchered an aged couple.

Durrant's parents were notified this morning of the court's decision and were deeply affected. Mrs. Durrant wept, but said her son was innocent and she did not yet give up the hope that he would yet be vindicated and his innocence proved.

DURRANT'S STOICISM.

San Quentin, Cal., Nov. 8.—Captain Edgar, acting warden of San Quentin prison, today notified Theodore Durrant of the supreme court's decision at Washington. Durrant did not display any emotion and he acted as if he had expected nothing else.

FATAL ESCAPING GAS.

One Man Dead and a Husband and Wife Unconscious.

New York, Nov. 8.—One person is dead and two others will probably die as the result of escaping gas in the building at 39 Chrystie street this morning.

Isaac Medansky and his wife, Minnie, have a flat in the building and Morris Nathanson boarded with them. When they did not appear as usual this morning the neighbors became alarmed and smelling gas broke in the doors.

Nathanson was found dead and the Medanskys were unconscious. They were taken to the New York hospital.

A G. A. R. COLONY.

A Tract of 22,000 Acres of Land Purchased in Texas.

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 8.—Gen. A. S. Wiersert of Milwaukee and Gen. Paul Vandervort of Omaha, each ex-grand commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Gen. R. N. Adams of Minneapolis have just purchased 22,000 acres of land in the coast region of Texas. It is intended to locate on the tract a colony of veterans of the late war, 800 of whom, with their families, are said to be en route for the proposed settlement.